

MSRP PLANS ARE FOR CONTRACTUAL EMPLOYEES TOO!!



Contractual employees can participate in the 457(b), 401(k) and 403(b)!

Why should Contractual employees participate?

- *Because you aren't in the pension system (and aren't contributing 7% of your salary to it), you absolutely need to save for retirement!!*
- What's in it for you?! Money for your future!
- Payroll deduction makes it easy and painless.
- You own this money. Regardless of where your career takes you, this money will always be yours.
- MSRP offers lower expenses than investing on your own.
- If you have no other option and really need it, you can access your retirement money through loans or hardship withdrawals.

Which account is better for Contractual employees?

Usually the **457(b) account** since it has no age restrictions on getting access to your money when you have left state service. If you are age 55 or older, the 401(k) gives you similar access. The EZ Enrollment form automatically signs you up for the best account based on your date of birth!

WHAT ABOUT ALL THE “WHAT IF’S” SINCE YOU ARE CONTRACTUAL?

What happens if I leave State service without getting a regular position and a PIN number?

Once you join, you may continue as a lifetime member of MSRP into your retirement years. You may keep your account with MSRP, and even move later IRA or 401(k) amounts back to your MSRP account and take advantage of low costs and sound investment choices. Or, you can roll your money out to a new employer's plan or Traditional IRA if you wish. However, if you want to retain immediate access to money in your 457(b), you should leave it in your MSRP account. (If you roll it out you will lose access to the money until you turn age 59 ½.)

You can still change your investments anytime, but you cannot contribute from your paycheck any longer.

What if I do get a regular position and a PIN number? (*Call Customer Service to let us know you have become a Regular employee so there is no break in your contributions!*)

If you get a regular position and become part of the pension system, you might still leave before you are vested in the state pension benefit (10 years for most employees—in the Reformed Pension). You will then be *required* to withdraw your contributions plus interest. If you choose the option for a rollover into your 457(b) account (or other retirement account) you may avoid claiming the rolled over pension dollars as immediate taxable income. Without the rollover, you would probably have to pay a 10% excise tax when you file your next tax return.

If you stay employed with the State for your career, you may use your MSRP account money (which has never been taxed) to purchase service credit for your contractual time and become eligible to retire earlier or to increase your pension benefit amount.

What if I don't get a paycheck every pay period?

Your contributions should pick up again with your next pay check (although you should review your pay stub to be sure).

What if there is not enough money available in my paycheck to cover my requested contribution?

This most often occurs because you did not work your normal number of days. If there is not enough money in your paycheck to take your requested MSRP contribution, **then payroll takes nothing**. If you are contributing a large percentage of your paycheck, try to limit your contribution amount to the amount that will always be available, even with days off for holidays, etc.



To join the MSRP Plans please complete the attached EZ Enrollment Form

Using this form will automatically put you into the best plan for your age and direct your investments to the T. Rowe Price Target Date Trust/Fund based on your date of birth. The only decision you need to make is how much you want to contribute per pay! We encourage you to start out with at least \$25 per pay if possible (the minimum is \$5 per pay). Keep in mind that because of the pretax benefit, your take home pay will go down by a smaller amount (for a \$25 contribution the reduction in take home pay is \$17.31 for the average State employee). Please be sure to write in your number of pay periods per year (26 for most employees) and circle "Contractual" for type and circle your "Payroll Center Name". If you don't know your 6-digit Agency Code, we will look it up for you!

Please send your completed form to the fax number at the bottom of the EZ Enrollment Form.

You will receive a welcome packet or welcome email from Nationwide (our third-party administrator) including instructions about how to set up your account online if you would like. Your contributions should start to come out in 2 pay periods. You will receive quarterly statements.

Making changes to your MSRP account is easy!

You can change your contribution amount or switch to Roth (after tax) contributions at any time; these changes usually take 2 pay periods to become effective. You can change how your money is invested anytime (these changes submitted before 4 pm take effect no later than the next business day).

ONLINE

Set up MSRP Online Access at www.MarylandDC.com (you may also go paperless).

BY PHONE

Call Team MSRP Customer Service at 1-800-545-4730

Live assistance 8:00 am – 11:00 pm Monday – Friday, and 9:00 am – 6:00 pm on Saturdays

IN WRITING

Download MSRP forms from www.MarylandDC.com

IN PERSON

By scheduling an appointment with your Team MSRP Nationwide Rep. www.MarylandDC.com

QUESTIONS?

Contact the MSRP Board office at 1-800-543-5605 or email to membersrvs.msrp@maryland.gov

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